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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (canceled).
- 2. (currently amended): A third information processing apparatus comprising:

a global an Internet Protocol (IP) address pool including rent-out global IP addresses; and

<u>a receiver that receives an original IP address of a second information</u>
<u>processing apparatus;</u>

<u>a storage that stores</u> correspondence information having a correspondence relationship between <u>an-said</u> original <u>global-IP</u> address<u> of said second information</u> <u>processing apparatus</u> and a rent-out <u>global-IP</u> address; and

wherein said original global IP address is allocated to a first information processing apparatus, and

a transmitter that transmits said rent-out IP address to a first information processing apparatus.

wherein said first information processing apparatus sends communication

packets to said second information processing apparatus, said communication

packets including said rent-out global-IP address is set to said first information

processing apparatus by said third information processing apparatus as a source

address, and said IP address of said second information processing apparatus as a

destination address.

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3. (currently amended): A third information processing apparatus provided on a network and performing rent-out of an address, said third information processing apparatus comprising:

a global an Internet Protocol (IP) address pool including rent-out global IP addresses;

<u>a receiver that receives an original IP address of a second information</u>
<u>processing apparatus;</u>

<u>a storage that stores</u> correspondence information having a correspondence relationship among an original <u>global-IP</u> address <u>of a first information processing</u> <u>apparatus</u>, a rent-out <u>global-IP</u> address, and <u>a global-said original</u> IP address of a said second information processing <u>apparatus</u>, apparatus; and

a transmitter that transmits said rent-out IP address to said first information processing apparatus.

wherein said original global IP address is allocated to a first information processing apparatus,

wherein said first information processing apparatus sends communication

packets to said second information processing apparatus, said communication

packets including said rent-out global-IP address as a source address, and said IP

address of said second information processing apparatus as a destination address.

is set to said first information processing apparatus by said third information

processing apparatus, and

wherein said second information processing apparatus is a partner information processing apparatus with which said first information processing apparatus performs communication using said rent-out global IP address.

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4. (currently amended): The third information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, in response to an inquiry from said second information processing apparatus, said third information processing apparatus notifies said second information processing apparatus, with encrypted communication, of said original global-IP address allocated toof said first information processing apparatus.

- 5. (currently amended): The third information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein permission to issue said notification is given-only in a case that said correspondence information has-of a-combination correspondence information of said global-IP address of said second information processing apparatus and said original global-IP address allocated to of said first information processing apparatus, said global-IP address of said second information processing apparatus and said original global-IP address having a correspondence relationship in said correspondence information, and no permission is given to said notification in a case of that said correspondence information does not have a correspondence information of said IP address of said information processing apparatus and said original IP address of said first information processing apparatus.a combination that does not exist in said correspondence—information.
 - 6. (canceled).
 - 7. (canceled).